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BUREAU SETS LOCOMOTIVE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

WINNING LOCOMOTIVE SURPASSES STANDARDS -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 2 Jul 49

Kirin -- The following performance standards for locomotives were recently set by the Northeast Railroad Bureau as the basis for judging locomotives in a contest held 25 May - 1 June 1949:

1. Load -- 1,640 tons
2. Speed -- 32 kilometers per hour
3. Coal consumption -- 25 kilograms per 1,000 ton-kilometers

Locomotive No 1222, which won the championship and whose performance surpassed all the standards, had been so badly damaged in a collision in 1944 that it had been shunted on to a siding and left as a shell, stripped of practically all its small parts. The management and workmen of the Kirin Railway Repair Shops, in reconditioning the locomotive, were obliged to design and manufacture many of the fittings. In recognition of their achievement, they were awarded a championship banner and a purse of 12 million yuan people's notes.

TA-LING HO RR BRIDGE REPAIRS - Tung-pei Jih-pao, 21 Aug 49

Chin-chow, 19 August -- Work started today on the driving of piles to be used in replacing the steel trusses of the bridge over the Ta-liang Ho on the Shen-yang to Shan-hai-kuan railroad line which were washed off their piers by the recent high water. Over 4,000 workmen are on the job. It is hoped that traffic will be resumed by the end of August 1949. Plans are now being made for the repair of the railroad bridge over the Ch'ai Ho, 3 kilometers west of Chang-wu, on the Ta-hu-shan-Cheng-chia-k'un line. Water damage to the track between Ta-hu-shan and Ssu-p'ing has been entirely repaired. Repair of three bridges is in progress on the section between Hsin-li-t'un and I-hsien. Also, damage on the Pei-p'iao line is being repaired.

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LUAN HO CARRYS COMMERCE IN NORTH CHINA -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 21 Aug 49

Jehol, 14 August -- There are now 100 or more river boats operating on the Luan Ho between Luan-p'ing in Jehol and Luan-hsien in Hopeh, on the Pei-p'ing--Shan-hai-kuan railroad line. These boats can operate from March to October and are doing much to increase the commerce between the two regions.

In former times, at the peak of traffic, there were as many as 5,000 of these boats on the river. In 1937, some 200 boats plied this river, each able to carry from 2 to 3 tons and making the downstream journey in 3 or 4 days. During the Japanese occupation, traffic came to a standstill and the boats rotted. In the spring of 1949, with the assistance of the Luan-p'ing people's government, in the form of 20 tons of millet, 40 boats were built and put in operation, and now more than 100 are in use. With railroads not yet in full operation, and motor trucks scarce and expensive, these boats are taking an important part in the transportation of goods between the rural and urban parts of this region.

The authorities are planning to organize the Luan Ho Transportation Company to improve the river channel, and to loan some 6,000 tons of grain to aid in the building and operation of river boats so as to promote the expansion of inter-provincial trade.

SHEN-YANG STREETCAR TRACKS RE-LAID -- Tung-pei Jih-pao, 20 Aug 49

Shen-yang -- The re-laying of the important sections of the streetcar tracks in the city of Shen-yang is being actively carried forward. The re-laying of the track, using several thousands of new ties, on routes No 1 and No 3, is either already completed, or is expected to be completed by 31 August 1949. Work on routes No 2 and No 6 will be started as soon as that on No 1 and No 3 is finished. Sections of track on the above lines which have been re-laid include portions from Shih-chien-fang-tzu to Lao-tao-k'ou, from Ta-tung-men to the Post Office, the track on Shih-fu-ta-lu and on Nan-ching Chieh, and that near the Chung-shan Station. Four new car stops have been added, and 36 additional street lights have been installed.

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